

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,824

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 12. Thus, claims 3-6 are now pending in the application.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Examiner maintains that the specification should be amended to state that the cross belt members are arranged in parallel to each "in a common curved plane". By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification as proposed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the specification.

By this Amendment, Applicant amended claims 4-6 to be dependent on allowed claim 3. Accordingly, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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